

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace any/all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application, wherein additions are shown in underlined text and deletions are shown in strike-out text:

On page 7, line 3 please add the following:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole ~~(3)~~ comprising an undersole (12) and of a midsole bottom (11), the ~~latter~~ midsole bottom being connected to the undersole (12), and various hard inserts ~~(15)~~ being introduced into the undersole (12), and the undersole (12) being closed off by a hard and abrasion-resistant sole bottom (13), wherein a twisted plate (16) is built into the sole ~~(3) consisting of midsole bottom (11), undersole (12) and sole bottom (13)~~, and forms, together with the undersole (12), a midsole ~~(12, 16)~~.
2. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole ~~(3)~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the midsole ~~(12, 16) consists of a~~ comprises several parts.
3. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole ~~(3)~~ according to Claim 1, wherein the twisted plate ~~(16)~~ is connected to the sole bottom (13), such that the sole bottom ~~(13)~~ has the same twisted form as the twisted plate.

4. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole (3) according to Claim 1, wherein the twisted plate (16) is connected to the midsole bottom (11), such that the midsole bottom (11) has the same twisted form as the twisted plate.

5. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole (3) according to Claim 1, wherein the twisted plate (16) has different thicknesses at different places.

6. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole (3) according to ~~Claims~~ Claim 1, ~~2 and 5~~, wherein, in ~~the~~ a heel area (A) of the sole, between the midsole bottom (11) and the sole bottom (13), the undersole (12) forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal (H), an inwardly thickening wedge, and, in ~~the~~ a toe area (Z) of the sole, between the midsole bottom (11) and the sole bottom (13), the undersole (12) forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal (H), an outwardly thickening wedge, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area (A) to the toe area (Z) merges with a defined profile from one form into the other.

7. (Currently Amended) Diagonally twisted sole (3) according to ~~Claims~~ Claim 1, ~~2 and 5~~, wherein, in ~~the~~ a heel area (A) of the sole, between the midsole bottom (11) and the sole bottom (13), the undersole (12) forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal (H), an outwardly thickening wedge, and, in ~~the~~ a toe area (Z) of the sole, between the midsole bottom (11) and the sole bottom (13), the undersole (12) forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal (H), an inwardly thickening wedge, and the wedge-

shaped configuration from the heel area (~~A~~) to the toe area (~~Z~~) merges with a defined profile from one form to the other.

8. (New) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 2, wherein, in a heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an inwardly thickening wedge, and, in a toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an outwardly thickening wedge, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form into the other.

9. (New) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 5, wherein, in a heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an inwardly thickening wedge, and, in a toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an outwardly thickening wedge, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form into the other.

10. (New) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 2, wherein, in a heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an outwardly thickening wedge, and, in a toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms,

transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an inwardly thickening wedge, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form to the other.

11. (New) Diagonally twisted sole according to Claim 5, wherein, in a heel area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an outwardly thickening wedge, and, in a toe area of the sole, between the midsole bottom and the sole bottom, the undersole forms, transverse to the walking direction and to the horizontal, an inwardly thickening wedge, and the wedge-shaped configuration from the heel area to the toe area merges with a defined profile from one form to the other.